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(54) **A method and a device for recognising speech**

(57) According to the invention, speech recognition can be limited to a smaller number making use of commands (16, 17) given by a user. By means of a method and device, according to the invention, it is also possible to activate a speech recognition device by making use, in the activation, of an existing keyboard or a touch-sensitive screen of the device. A method, according to the invention, provides the user with a logical way to activate the speech recognition device in the device simultaneously providing an improved capacity of the speech recognition device. According to the invention, it is also possible

to carry out the speech recognition process by making use of commands given by the user irrespective of how the speech recognition device itself is activated. According to an embodiment of the invention, the device comprises a touch-sensitive screen or surface, in which case the information about a single letter or several letters written on the screen is transmitted to the speech recognition device, whereupon speech recognition is limited to words, wherein the letters in question occur. Speech recognition is most preferably limited to a name beginning with the letter written on the touch screen by the user.

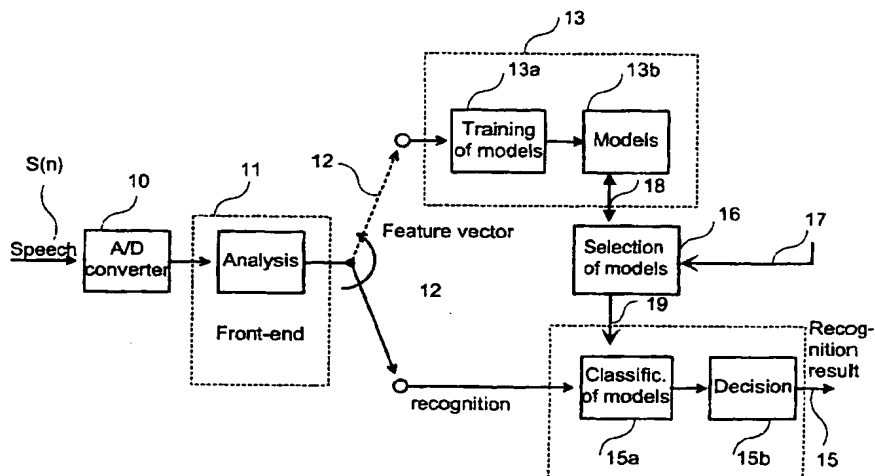


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